

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A collapsible container, comprising:  
a base having first and second pairs of opposing edges, one of the first and second pairs of opposing edges defined by an upstanding base wall, the base wall having a pair of upstanding corner portions formed integrally therewith, each corner portion having a side face portion, the other of the first and second pairs of opposing edges extending between a pair of co-planar side face walls;  
a first pair of opposed side walls each pivotably attached to a corresponding one of the first and second pair of opposing edges of the base remote from the corner portions, each of the first pair of opposing side walls having a pair of opposing lateral flanges inwardly depending therefrom and integral therewith, each lateral flange having an latch receiver formed therein, the latch receiver including an aperture and a flexible latch hinge;  
a second pair of opposing side walls each pivotably attached to a corresponding other of the first and second pair of opposing edges of the base remote from the corner portions, each of the second pair of opposing side walls having a pair of opposing lateral edges, each lateral edge having a latching member attached thereto,  
wherein when the container is oriented in an assembled position, each lateral flange of the first pair of opposing side walls abuts an adjacent lateral edge of the second pair of opposing side walls so that each aperture receives a corresponding latching member which is fastened into position by the latch hinge, thereby forming a secure attachment between the pairs of first and second opposing side walls.

2. The collapsible container of claim 1, wherein when the container is oriented in a first

disassembled position, the first and second pairs of opposing side walls are pivotably folded inward so that one of the first and second pairs of opposing side walls is layered between the other of the first and second pairs of opposing side walls and the base, and when the container is oriented in a second disassembled position, the first and second pairs of opposing side walls are pivotably folded outward from the base.

3. The collapsible container of claim 1, wherein each lateral flange of the first pair of opposing side walls has an opening, and each lateral edge of the second pair of opposing side walls has attached thereto an elongate member having a curvature along its length, wherein when the container is oriented in the assembled position, each opening receives a corresponding elongate member to form an interference fit to assist in holding together adjacent side walls.

4. The collapsible container of claim 1, wherein each corner portion defines a corner line so that when the container is oriented in the assembled position, each lateral flange abuts an adjacent lateral edge along a line distal from the adjacent corner line.

5. A collapsible container orientable between an assembled position and a collapsed position, comprising:

a base having a pair of opposing upstanding end flanges integral to the base and a mounting post at each end, defining a corner line and oriented perpendicular to the base and integral therewith, the base further including a pair of opposing side edges, extending between the pair of opposing upstanding end flanges;

a pair of opposing side walls pivotably attached to a corresponding one of the opposing side edges of the

base, each opposing side wall having a latching member disposed at each lateral edge, the latching member having a latching tooth disposed at its distal end; and

5 a pair of opposing end walls each having a pair  
of flanges orthogonal thereto, the flanges having an  
aperture and an adjacent latch hinge, the aperture sized  
for slidably receiving a corresponding latching member as  
the container is moved from the collapsed position to the  
assembled position, wherein the latching tooth is latched  
10 into position by the latch hinge.

6. The collapsible container of Claim 5 wherein each mounting post has a first hole for receiving a pivot boss from an adjacent side wall, and a second hole for receiving a pivot boss from an adjacent end wall thereby allowing for additional pivot points between the side walls and end walls with respect to the base.

7. A foldable container orientable in an assembled state and an inwardly folded collapsed state, comprising:

20 a bottom panel having a pair of integrally formed  
opposed upstanding flanged edges, each of the pair of  
upstanding flanged edges including at each end an integral  
upstanding corner member having an planar end portion, a  
planar side portion and defining therebetween a corner  
25 line, the bottom panel further having a pair of opposed  
side edges each situated along a plane inward the planar  
side portion adjacent thereto;

30 a pair of opposed side walls having an L-shaped cross-section defined by a long wall portion and a relatively short wall portion, the short wall portion pivotably attached to a corresponding one of the pair of opposed side edges, so that when the container is oriented in the assembled state the short wall portion forms an

extension of the base and the long wall portion is co-planar with the planar side portion, each of the opposed side walls further having a latching member disposed at each lateral edge, the latching member having upper and lower curved surfaces and a tooth member disposed at the distal end; and

a pair of opposed end walls, each pivotably attached to a corresponding one of the upstanding flanged edges and having a U-shaped cross-section including a longer main wall portion and a pair of relatively shorter flanged portions attached to the main wall portion and inwardly directed therefrom, each flanged portion having a flexible latch hinge and an adjacent aperture formed therein correspondingly shaped to slidably receive the locking member.

wherein when the container is oriented in the assembled state, the pair of side walls and the pair of end walls are upstanding so that the locking member is disposed in the aperture and the tooth member is locked into position by the latch hinge; and

when the container is oriented in the inwardly folded collapsed state, each of the end walls and side walls is folded inward so that the pair of side walls is disposed between the bottom panel and the pair of end walls, so that each shorter flanged portion abuts a corresponding planar side portion of a respective corner member.

8. The foldable container of claim 7, wherein the container is also orientable in an outwardly folded collapsible state wherein the pair of side panels is co-planar with the bottom panel.

